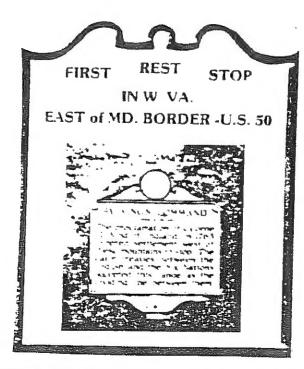
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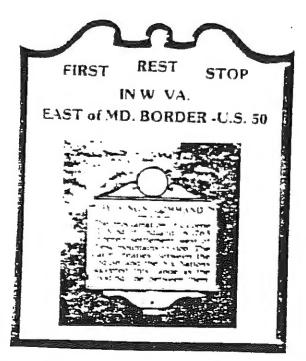
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Dear Members:

You will find this issue a few less pages than other issues of this volume. This is due to the necessity of keeping our volumes near the 200 page limit. Look for 50 pages or more in next issue.

I'm excited about this issue - and grateful to the generous members who shared their material and made the editor's job super easy. You'll notice that only a few pages were typed by me while the rest are published as they were received. THANKS A HEAP, folks!

The long awaited Radcliff story written by Dennis Rodgers begins in this issue. Dennis has no Radcliff connections except through some allied families. He undertook this tremendous project at my request a couple of years ago. With the help of some Radcliff researchers and a lot of independent research, he compiled the information which will appear in the next four issues. Thanks so much, Dennis.

Ed Schoolcraft of Albuquerque, NM, submitted the 1782 Monongalia Tax List which was obtained by Dennis and him while on a research trip to Richmond, VA, last year. This list was used for the reconstruction of the "First Census of the United States - Heads of Families -Virginia" after the original was burned by the British in the War of 1812. Ed has noted the differences he found between the tax list and the "First Census. . . ".

The 1840 Federal Census of Lewis County was transcribed by Ruth Flesher Robb from the microfilmed copy of the original census. Thanks to Ed and Ruth for providing these records that are so

valuable to researchers.

Part II of the Hacker story will not appear in this issue because of lack of space. I felt it more important to include the 1782 tax lists and the 1840 census because they would probably help more of you. Look for the next installment on the Hackers in next issue.

Have you made your plans to attend the Sixth Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering? If not, make your plans now. It promises to be an exciting weekend of seeing, sharing and learning. Look for further details in this issue.

This is the last of the Journals which will be printed at Bowling Green and assembled by Lolita Guthrie and her crew of volunteers. Future volumes will be printed in West Virginia. Lolita has had this task for the past five years and has done a superb job; however, family commitments and a need to do some other things made it necessary for her to give it up. The Executive Board and the members of HCPD appreciate the thousands of "trips around the pool table" collating the Journal, Lolita, and I, personally, appreciate the assistance you have given me in assembling the material for it.

SIXTH ANNUAL HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS GATHERING

The Sixth Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering will officially begin on Friday, September 11, 1987; however, members will begin arriving in West Virginia as early as Labor Day weekend to research and roam the hills looking for their roots.

Registration begins at 9 am on Friday and will continue throughout the weekend. Events scheduled include a tour of the Hacker's Creek historical sites (about 50 of them) on Friday afternoon, a memorial service at the Pioneer Cemetery, a program on Saturday evening with emphasis on the celebration of our fifth anniversary and the 200th birthday of the Constitution and the signing of the Northwest Ordianance, and church services on Sunday morning at Fairview United Methodist Church on Hacker's Creek. The annual business meeting is Saturday morning. The HCPD Library and the personal libraries of some members will be available for use during most hours of the day and evening; however, the MEETING ROOM WILL BE LOCKED AND NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE LIBRARY DURING MEAL TIMES AND CHURCH SERVICES. Please schedule research time accordingly.

Free coffee, doughnuts and soft drinks will be available throughout the weekend.

Our copy machine will be available for use. 10 cents a copy. Registration form will be found elsewhere in this issue.

CEMETERY FUND

HCPD is presently caring for four cemeteries in the Hacker's Creek Watershed area - Morrison, Mitchell, Smith and a new (old) tiny Cozad cemetery located on Hilly Upland Road this past spring. The cost of caring for these cemeteries is supported by donations from our members as well as special projects sponsored by the organization. Donations for the cemetery fund should be sent to Raydene Teicheira.

NEW BOOK TO BE AVAILABLE AT GATHERING

Volume II of EARLY LEWIS AND HARRISON CO, W.VA. FAMILIES, THEIR DESCENDANTS & ALLIED FAMILIES will be available at the gathering in September. The book will consist of two parts, have an every name index and will cost \$12.00. Those not attending the gathering may purchase the book by sending \$12.00 plus \$1.65 postage and handling to HCPD, PO Box 38, Jane Lew, WV 26378. Books will be mailed after the gathering.

ABSTRACTS OF EARLY MONONGALIA COUNTY NEWSPAPERS

Orders are being accepted for ABSTRACTS OF EARLY MONONGALIA COUNTY NEWSPAPERS (1816-1842) compiled by Joy Gilchrist. "The Monongalia Spectator", "Morgantown Chronicle" and "Monongalia Farmer" are the earliest newspapers extant for "our" area of West Virginia. It contains over 4000 names and has abstracted material of genealogical interest from papers in the microfilm collection of WVU. Fully indexed, soft-bound and containing about 50 pages, it may be ordered by sending \$8 plus \$1.50 postage and handling to Joy Gilchrist, 440 S. 16th St., Coshocton, OH 43812.

THE RADCLIFFS OF HACKER'S CREEK

By Dennis B. Rodgers

Preface

For three years the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants organization has been accumulating data concerning the Radcliffs, one of the first families on Hacker's Creek. Many family members and others willingly shared their files and ideas, contributing a substantial volume of material. Originally the hope was to present a fairly comprehensive, documented synopsis of the family's history and genealogy, including its antecedents as well as later generations. As time progressed, however, it became clear that that goal could not be reached. A good bit of the submitted material was speculative - seemingly based on undocumented assertions. Furthermore a vast amount of it remains unconnected with established facts. What follows then is less than what was desired; yet it should provide a basis and a few leads for further research of a more exhaustive nature.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty facing anyone who tries to unravel the Radcliff web is the indiscriminate spelling of the surname, preventing differentiation between what is, or may be, totally separate families, e.g. Radcliff, Ratcliff, Ratliff, and even Ratlive. Were it not for this problem, perhaps more conclusions could have been drawn from the available material. In this article the spelling "Radcliff" has been used in a generic sense when referring to the family, even though the name appears with various spellings for any given person.

Background

According to Withers, William and John Radcliff were among the few who first ventured over the mountains from the South Branch of the Potomac River (hereinafter referred to as the "South Branch") into the central part of what is now West Virginia. The story of these pioneers who accompanied Samuel Pringle in 1769 - including John Brown, the Jacksons, Hackers, Sleeths, and Hugheses - is so well known that a full account need not be given here. Beyond that story, though, very little can be gleaned about William and John from published materials.

Family tradition has it that they were brothers, the sons of Edward from Fauquier County, Virginia; and many have repeatedly asserted this legend as fact. Based upon the evidence submitted and found, however, no part of that legend can be corroborated.

1. Alexander Scott Withers, Chronicles of Border Warfare, Ed. Reuben Gold Thwaites (Cincinnati: The Robert Clarke Company, 1895; rpt. Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1980), pp. 121-122. Lucullus Virgil McWhorter, The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia (Dayton, Va.: Ruebush-Elkins Co., 1915; rpt. Richwood, Va.: Jim Comstock, 1974), pp. 31-37.

This is not to say that they were not brothers, for they probably were; just that no proof is known at this time. A much more serious question arises, though, concerning the identity of their father, since some evidence seems to point not to Edward, but to one Daniel.

Their provenance can not be determined at this time, although the evidence is clear that they did in fact live on the South Branch prior to their migration across the mountains.

Tax Lists

As a foundation for examining the available evidence, a review of the early personal property tax or tithable lists is in order; for, as shall be seen, there were others with the Radcliff surname, besides William and John, who were associated with the early settlements over the mountains. It is obvious therefrom that William and John resided in the Harrison County area, while at least a Benjamin, Stephen and Richard remained in the South Branch area.

1782 Tax List of Monongalia County 2

William - 10 white persons, no black persons John - 7 white persons, no black persons

1783 Tax List of Monongalia County 3

William - 1 tithable, 3 horses, and 8 cattle John - 1 tithable, 2 horses, and 2 cattle

- 2. The original handwritten list is found in the Archives of the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va., included in "Lists, Inhabitants and Buildings" located in Stack 1, Area B, Row 8. A photocopy thereof appears in Hacker's Creek Journal, IV (Issue 4, July, 1986) pp. 159-163. Transcripts appear in Earl L. Core, The Monongalia Story (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1974), II, pp. 525-530; and in Heads of Families At The First Census, 1790 (Washington, D.C.: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1908), p. 35. See also transcription elsewhere in this Issue.
- 3. The original handwritten list is located in the Archives of the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. A handwritten copy is located in the West Virginia and Regional History Collection, University of West Virginia, Colson Hall, Morgantown, W. Va., Document "A & M 701 SC." A photocopy and typed transcript of the latter appear in Hacker's Creek Journal, IV (Issue 1, October, 1985), pp. 42-49, and (Issue 3, April, 1986), pp. 108-112, respectively.

1784 Tax List of Harrison County 4

William - 10 white souls, 1 tithable, no buildings, and no dwelling houses; on the list of Jacob Westfall dated 30 October 1784, of those "in the bounds of his former militia company including Wilmoth's and Parker's Settlements."

John - 7 white souls, 3 tithables, no buildings, and no dwelling houses; on the list of James Anderson of those "on the waters of Simpson Creek."

1782 Tax List of Hampshire County ⁵

Benjamin- 5 white persons, no black persons; on list of Abrm. Hite

Richard - 7 white persons, no black persons; on list of Job Welton

Stephen - 6 white persons, no black persons; on list of Job Welton

1784 Tax List of Hampshire County 6

Benjamin- 6 white souls, 1 dwelling, 2 other buildings; on list of Abraham Hite

Richard - 8 white souls, 1 dwelling, no other buildings; on list of Abel Randall

Stephen - 7 white souls, 1 dwelling, one other building; on list of Job Welton

4. The County Court of Harrison County ordered on 18 August, 1784 that certain individuals "take a list of all white persons and buildings, distinguishing dwelling houses from other houses." A copy of these lists, which together comprise the 1784 tax or tithable list, is filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Harrison County, Clarksburg, W. Va. It is this list which appears to have been mislabeled as the 1785 tax list in Heads of Families, pp. 90-91. The 1785 tax list which is filed in the County Clerk's office in Clarksburg is a typed transcript of the original list, and does not include the total number of white residents in each family, as does the 1784 list. Original handwritten Harrison County lists (as well as those from all West Virginia counties) until Secession, are in the Archives of the Virginia State Library. Transcribed copies of all Harrison County lists from 1785 are located in the County Clerk's office in Clarksburg.

- 5. Heads of Families, p. 24.
- 6. Ibid, p. 69.

Land Settlements

William and John appear not to have settled land immediately upon their arrival in the Hacker's Creek area. Instead they, along with William Hacker, John Brown, and Thomas and Jesse Hughes, are said to have hunted and explored for the benefit of the entire group. By 1771, however, William had settled a tract on Hacker's Creek, adjoining land of Edmund West, Sr., near the present site of Jane Lew in Lewis County. A William also subsequently claimed land on the West Fork of the Monongahela River by virtue of his tenant's settlement thereon in 1774. John is said to have settled on the farm later owned by the Rev. John Mitchell, in the vicinity of the Harmony Church in Lewis County. No record of John's making a claim there has been found, but by 1773 he made numerous settlements on - and subsequent claims for - tracts of land in the vicinity of Elk Creek in Harrison County. A John also claimed land on the Tygart Valley River in now Barbour County.

While William and John are both known to have resided on their settlements (as may be deduced from the above-mentioned tax lists and the frequent appearance of their names in the Harrison County Court Records), several other Radcliffs, some of whom appear on the Hampshire County tax lists, also claimed settlements on land in central West Virginia:

Richard in 1771 by a tenant on West Fork in now Harrison County. 13

Edward in 1772 on Gee Lick Run, the left hand fork Freeman's Creek, in now Lewis County. 14

Charles in 1772 on Duck Creek in now Harrison County. 15

Stephen in 1773 on Lost Creek, a branch of West Fork, 16 and on Davison's Run, 17 both in now Harrison County.

Benjamin in 1773 by a tenant on McKinney's Run, 18

- 7. Monongalia Story, I, pp. 194, 246. See Harrison County, W. Va., Land Survey Book 2, p. 289.
 - 8. Monongalia Story, I, p. 274.
 - 9. Border Warfare, p. 122.
 - 10. Phone conversation with Robert B. Smith, Lost Creek, W. Va.
 - 11. Monongalia Story, I, p. 237.
 - 12. Ibid.
- 13. <u>Ibid</u>, p. 189. See Harrison County, W. Va., <u>Land Survey Book 1</u>, p. 220.
- 14. Monongalia Story, I, p. 207. See Harrison County, W. Va., Land Survey Book 2, p. 241.
 - 15. Monongalia Story, I, p. 211.
 - 16. Ibid, p. 236.
 - 17. Ibid
 - 18. Ibid, p. 227.

and in 1774 on Hacker's Creek adjoining land of William, ¹⁹ both in now Lewis County.

Daniel in 1774 on Stone Coal Creek east of the present site of Weston in now Lewis County.²⁰

Daniel Stephen Radcliff and Family

Until recently the only evidence to connect William, John, and the other Radcliff men has been the following written statement attributed to the late Winnifred Brown Scott, appearing in the Brown Family Bible:

From Bible of Susanna Stalnaker
Daniel Stephen Radcliff from England to
James River his children
John, wife Catherine Fry,
Stephen, William, Edward, Ben, Polly
Cobun, Jenny Fry, Richard, Charles.
(William, John, and Polly all lived
in or around Harrison County or Lewis)

It is significant that each of the names of Daniel Stephen's sons appears as a claimant of land in the Harrison County area. The primary question has to be, though, whether or not any corroborating evidence exists to substantiate the Bible entry.

Another part of the Radcliff tradition is that the father of the pioneers William and John - given therein the name "Edward" - was killed while on a visit to the Hacker's Creek area, presumably from his home on the South Branch. Of course if Edward is the father of William and John, then the above-mentioned Bible entry would be referring, presumably, to an entirely different family. What information, however, can we glean from recorded history and original documents?

The Daniel who received a certificate for the land on Stone Coal Creek on 16 April 1783, must have died prior to 1808, for in that year a survey was made (and later recorded) for Daniel Radcliff, heir at law of Daniel Radcliff, deceased. ²¹ Since the law of primogeniture appears to have applied in those days, the heir, Daniel (Junior), should have been the eldest son of Daniel

^{19.} Ibid, p. 273.

^{20.} Hacker's Creek Journal, II (Issue 1, October, 1983), pp. 12-13. See Harrison County, W. Va., Land Survey Book 4, p. 419.

^{21.} Ibid.

(Senior). 22

According to Withers, a Daniel did die within the 1783-1808 time frame, and the circumstances of his death in 1784 were reported as follows:

The foregoing event happened in September, and in a few days after, as Daniel Radcliff was proceeding to the Brushy Fork of Elk Creek on a hunting expedition, he was shot (probably by the Indians who had been at Flesher's) tomahawked and scalped in a shocking manner. ²³

- 22. Primogeniture, a principle of British common law, was carried by the colonists and British authorities to North America, and it appears to have remained in effect to determine intestate rights of succession in real estate in Virginia until after the Revolutionary War. This principle gave the eldest son a superior or exclusive right to inherit or succeed to the real property of his ancestor - to the exclusion of any other, younger male children. Female children were excluded altogether. Following the Declaration of Independence, in January, 1777, a commission - composed of Thomas Jefferson, Edmund Pendleton, George Wythe, George Mason and Thomas Ludwell Lee began meeting, first in Fredericksburg and later in Williamsburg, for the purpose of determining and recommending to the Virginia legislature a body of law for Early in the commission's eventual enactment in the then new state. deliberations, primogeniture was attacked and discarded in favor of a more equitable arrangement whereby all children would share equally, subject to the widow's dower rights. The Virginia legislature, however, did not get around to acting on the bulk of the commission's recommendations for many years, and it was not until 1 January 1787, that comprehensive revisions went into effect. Apparently it wasn't until then that primogeniture was abolished; so that in many instances, the eldest sons of Hacker's Creek's pioneers who died before 1787 inherited their respective fathers' rights under the certificates which had been issued in the early 1780's. See The Law of Real Property, 2nd Ed (Charlottesville, Va: The Michie Company, 1928), II, pp. 1168 et seq. Thanks are due to John Fisher, Professor at the West Virginia University College of Law, for his assistance in clarifying this and several other points of early Virginia law.
 - 23. Border Warfare. p. 367.

James Arnold was charged in Harrison County with Daniel's murder and with having taken Henry Flesher's horses, but after a hearing he was acquitted on 8 January 1785. (Minute Book 1784-1792, p. 36). The entry in the Minute Book concerning Arnold's trial mentions the date 21 October 1784, but the reference is not clear: that is, whether the date is when the murder occurred or when Arnold was charged. The Minute Book contains no entry on or about 21 October 1784, concerning Arnold; and, therefore, we may tentatively conclude that Daniel's death occurred on that date, rather than inferring from Withers's language that it occurred in September.

The matter seems to be clinched by information given in a letter from Colonel Benjamin Wilson to Governor Harrison, dated Harrison County, 27 October 1784:

> By this express you are informed that on the 18th of this instant the Indians hath again renewed their wonted barbarities in the County by wounding one man, and on Thursday following killed and scalped another. 24

There seems little doubt that the victims to which Wilson referred were Flesher and Radcliff. From reference to two "perpetual" calendars, the date 18 October 1784, was a Monday, and hence the Thursday following would have been 21 October, which date we can now say with considerable certainty was the date of Daniel's death.

Perhaps the legend concerning the death of the father of William and John is correct, except for the father's name. There is no known record of the death of an Edward Radcliff in the Hacker's Creek area, but certainly the death of Daniel Radcliff is well documented. What we don't know is whether Daniel was a permanent resident of the area, or just on a visit there at the time of this death. Further, if just visiting, we don't have any evidence to tell us where his actual residence was. We know that a Daniel settled land on Stone Coal Creek, but as will be seen later, that fact alone does not establish his residence there. It had been hoped that the answer would lie in the estate records of one Daniel Ratcliffe or Ratchliffe appearing in 1785 in Hampshire County (Estate Book 2, pp. 114-115). The very timing of the estate makes one suspect a connection. (Daniel's estate would have been administered in Hampshire County regardless of where he died in Virginia, if he had been domiciled in that County at the time of his death.)

^{24.} Henry Haymond, History of Harrison County (Morgantown, W. Va.: Acme Publishing C., 1910; rpt. Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co., 1973), p. 98. 25. Referenced in Ross B. Johnston, Comp., West Virginia Estate Settlements (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1985), p. 22; and Clara McCormack Sage and Laura Sage Jones, Early Records, Hampshire County Virginia (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1976), p. 139.

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The estate document was obtained from Hampshire County, and as can be seen by examining the copy thereof on the preceding page, it contains only an appraisal dated 17 November 1784, and recorded on 8 March 1785, of the inventory of the estate of the said Daniel Ratcliffe, also referred to as Daniel Ratchliffe. While the items mentioned tell us a good bit about the decedent's quality of life, the document reveals no clues to his identity.

According to Mrs. Carol Wilson, a researcher in Moorefield, although most of the Hampshire County Court records failed to survive the Civil War, a few early minute or order books (not including the year 1784, however) are available for public inspection, and some quantity of records is stored in the Courthouse attic, to which the public is generally denied access. Perhaps one day someone will be able to scour the Courthouse and determine whether or not any further information exists to help identify this Daniel. Unless and until proven otherwise, this writer will bet that the estate proceeding is that of the Daniel who was killed in Harrison County on 21 October 1784.

Even in the absence of a conclusive identification of the father of William and John, we still have to admit that we have a bundle of circumstantial evidence pointing to Daniel, and none at all pointing to Edward, as the name of the man who fits the legendary scenerio of their father's death.

If then their father was Daniel, and this Daniel was one and the same person as Daniel Stephen who is identified as the father in the Bible entry, the Daniel, Junior, who surveyed the land on Stone Coal Creek would have been Daniel Stephen, Junior, whose name seems to appear elsewhere only as Stephen. Is there any evidence that Stephen was the eldest son, thereby qualifying him as the heir under the law of primogeniture?

The answer at this time has to be "No"; especially since we don't know the birth dates or relative ages of the sons of Daniel Stephen. There is one piece of information, however, which may indicate that Stephen was older than some of the others. Several of the names of the sons appear on a list of early Revolutionary War volunteers who served in a group of Rangers captained by John Harriss in 1775.26 Stephen, who is designated "Sergeant," and William, Benjamin and Edward, who have no designated rank, appear on this list, which is noteworthy for the number of Hampshire County family names appearing thereon. While relative rank is not always a reflection of age, if that correlation exists here, then Stephen would have been older than the other Radcliffs who served in that unit.

In the fall of 1985, during a cursory examination of the Harrison County Court documents in the West Virginia and Regional History Collection at the University of West Virginia in Morgantown, some very pertinent material was discovered in the

26. June Ratcliffe McReynolds, Our Radclyffe Heritage (Roanoke, Va., 1975), pp. 115-116.

Chancery case of John Sleeth v. Henry Thompson filed in 1786. This case involved a dispute over the title to 400 acres of land on Gnatty Creek near the mouth of Peeltree Run in Harrison County; and in gathering the facts in that case, depositions had been taken from a number of witnesses, two of whom were John Radcliff and Edward Ratcliff. John stated in his deposition. apparently taken in Harrison County, that in 1771 he and unnamed others had built a cabin on the land in dispute in order to "hold" it, and that he had improved the land for his brother Richard.

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Deposition of John Radcliff, Harrison County

Edward stated in his deposition taken on 24 July 1787 in Hardy County that he was present when Richard Ratcliff and William Radcliff contracted or agreed to form a partnership; and that pursuant thereto, Richard agreed to stay and tend corn on the South Branch, while William agreed to improve the land over the mountain. Edward further stated that he had heard Richard say that William had given him (Richard) land on Gnatty Creek.

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Deposition of Edward Ratcliff, Hardy County

This Edward is probably the same Edward who on 16 October 1788 gave a power of attorney to William Louder (Lowther?) of Harrison County to convey land in that county on Gee Lick Run of Freeman's Creek to one John Snyder of Hardy County (Hardy County Deed Book 1, pp. 301-302). Obviously this then would be the same Edward who claimed that land in 1772.

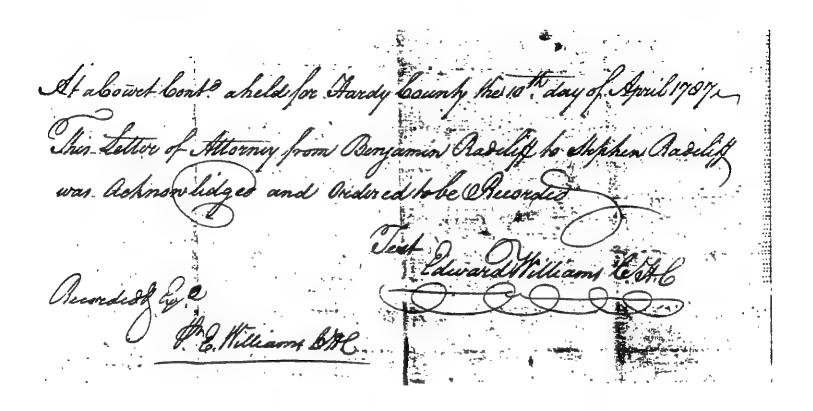
Participal of Hardy County and State of lengues for devers ford causes and Consider alcome me thereento moving have by these presents made Constitues and appointed William Louder Esq. of Harreson County and State afores

my free and Carofull attorney formeand in my name. Place to make and Execute Good and Suffered Deed or Deeds for the sure Conveying a Certain hador parcel of Land Lying in The Sarreson bounty on a Drawn of Foremans Creek howen by Harrie of Mic Gertick Here in said County bordaining four hun and acres to John Ingder of Hardy County in the State reformais hereby unfractioning my vais attorney to sign my nameans affix my Seal to such (com Conveyance black and do Concining the Primeres in any Mestered as if Inyout were personally Ratificing and Concurring whatmy Sais allowing may do herein In Testimony whereof Shave hereinto selmy hand and Seal this 16th day of October \$700 Signed Sealed & Belowned Siderlines before signes In Crescove of Toward Radoliff(SS) Angalon Orice Parjaton Price funds Mabour held for Surdy County the of Day of Sure 1709 Hus Cower of allowing iers Stones by the Cather Papalen line and agalon (new fred Wilnefeet Mendo and Ordered Lobe Accorded By the bourt Marris CAP.

> Power of Attorney given by Edward Radcliff to William Louder, Esq., Hardy County

In addition to the foregoing information, Hartzel Strader contributed a Hardy County record in the form of a power of attorney dated 10 April 1787, which establishes that a Benjamin and a Stephen Radcliff, both of Hardy County, were brothers (Deed Book 1, pp. 67-68.

Tinow all men by here Frefents that I Benjamin Radeliff of the james of Mardy & Atto of Virginia for Diver good Huses and Considerations me hereunto moving have made Ordained Constituted and appointed they These Forfeits do make Ordain Constitute and appointing Trusty frund Hostler Hiphen Radelyf of the County afr. My true and Lawfull attorney for me and in my Namet to my use, to ask Demand and Theour and The of any Person in the bounty of or in any other County within the age. Hate all Debts dues and Demands belonging to me the said Buy Hadelit giving and by these Frofints granting to my said attorney my wol an Your and Authority to lake Pursue and follow Juck Legal Courses for the Deen Principle of the same, as I myself might or Could do were I perforally Frefent, and whom the Tresant of the Same, Requitances or other Discharges for me, and in my Name to make, Signi, Seal and Deliver, Ob also one ormon attorney or attorneys hader him to Substitute and appoint, and again Pleasure to Touche; and further, to do firstown and finishe for me and in my. Home, All and Singular, thing & things Heropary, Southing and Concerning the Troupes, as fully. Thosoughly and intorely and the said thing " Tradily own Before might or Good do, in or about the serve; Fratifying allowing and Countries of the Jameses, of the Saifente, In Without when of Those here with stat my hand and hat this let Day of Isaled & Delivore impreser



Power of Attorney given by Benjamin Radcliff to Stephen Radcliff, Hardy County

In spite of spelling variations let's now assemble what information we have to connect the Radcliff men:

a) A Stephen, William, Benjamin and Edward served together in a Revolutionary War unit.

b) A Stephen and a Benjamin were brothers in Hardy County in 1787.

c) A Benjamin settled or claimed land next to William on Hacker's Creek.

d) William and John were closely enough associated (probably brothers) to venture together over the mountains in search of land to develop.

e) John and a Richard were brothers.

f) A Richard, who retained his residence on the South Branch, and William were partners.

g) An Edward, who claimed land in what is now Lewis County, probably resided in Hardy County and was privy to the partnership arrangements of Richard and William.

Admittedly we have no link to Charles, but other than that,

what we do have is a sequence of connections among men whose given names are identical to the given names of the sons of Daniel Stephen as set forth in the Stalnaker Bible entry. A few of them, we know, were brothers, and therefore we have to some extent corroborated the Bible entry.

The depositions of John and Edward are significant in that while obviously providing the link between William and John, on the one hand, and the Radcliffs of the South Branch, on the other, they give us a glimpse of the modus operandi of these pioneer people. Further we can now explain the apparent inconsistency of land claims in Harrison and Lewis Counties by Richard, and probably Stephen, Benjamin, and Edward as well, and their residence back on the South Branch. William and John were on the scene, so to speak, to protect the interests of the absentee owners in between their visits over the mountains. As will be seen later, at least Benjamin and Edward appear to have made such visits, while Stephen may even have resided over the mountains for a time.

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QUERY REPLY Submitted by Ann Newman, Buckhannon, WV

Query in Journal July 1986 - page 202

7. Who were parents of Ashford RINEHART (b. early 1800's and d. in 1880's - m. Lydia WILSON in 1830) and Abraham RINEHART (b. early 1800's and d. after 1880, m. Elizabeth HUMPHREY 1829)?

FROM: Clarksburg Exponent Sunday, November 12, 1933

Story on Mrs. Caroline B. Rinehart. She is age 92. Born in Virginia, Cires Creek, near Natural Bridge, Rockbridge Co., Virginia, April 11, 1842. Parents were Jacob and Sarah Echard. Family moved to Lewis County when she was four or five years old. Mrs. Rinehart was youngest of seven girls (no boys in the family). Others were Margaret, Susan who died infancy, Jeanette, Mary, Sarah, and Virginia Echard.

Noah Jacob Rinehart married Caroline B. Echard November 28, 1862 at home of her parents near Berlin. He died November 6, 1911 on their farm on Fink Creek, and is buried in the old Carder Cemetery in sight of the Rinehart home. He was born November 25, 1844 near Berlin, Lewis County. They had eight sons and daughters.

Noah J. Rinehart's family were early settlers on Hackers Creek. His grandfather, ABRAM RINEHART came with his parents from Virginia and settled near Berlin. ABRAM'S son, ASHFORD RINEHART married LILA WILSON. They were the parents of Noah J. Rinehart.

NOTE: Of course, this is not all the story, but I picked out pertinent items.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA: A return of the people White and Black in Monongalia County as returned by the defirant (sic) Justices. /s/ John Evans, Clk. Whites 2302, Blacks 81.

Transcription made by Dennis B. Rodgers and Edward J. Schoolcraft. Photocopy obtained from The Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia on 15 May 1986. File Access Number: List of Inhabitants 1782, Box 2 (1-B-8-2-2) Monongalia County Tax List, n.d.

An attempt was made to remain faithful to the original spelling of the names of the individuals as they appear on the original list. In cases where it was impossible to determine the original spelling, we took the liberty of spelling the names as they would commonly be spelled today, and realize that we may not be correct in all cases. It should also be pointed out that on the original list of inhabitants the given name was listed first and followed by the surname of the individuals. In order to facilitate searching, that order has been reversed.

NAME	WHT	BLK	NAME	WHT	BLK
EVANS, John		2	MORGAN, Zachq11	10	
MORGAN, Morgan			MORGAN, Zachqll Jung		
SMITH, Henry			MORGAN, James	1	
MORGAN, Evan			MORGAN, David	4	
BUSH, John	6	-	PRICHET, Jacob	5	
MILLÉR, Ann	5			6	
RATCLIFF, John	7		-	9	
ZORNES, Martin	4		BURRELL, Francis	6	
CROLL, David	6			4	
SMITH, William	7			7	
BONAR, Ruben	3		WILSON, Josiah	1	
HAYMOND, William	9		WILSON, James	3	
DENT, John	4		SCOTT, Elisabeth	5	2
JOHNSON, James	8		BURROWS, Elijah	3	
GIFFORD, John	5		HAYMOND, Calder	8	2
SMITH, John	2		COBUN, James	7	
KARN, Michael	6		HAYMOND, Edward	3	
HARP, Abner	6		ROBENSON, William	8	
TUCKER, Henry	4		FERRELL, Robert	9	
SISCO, Abraham	7		FINCH, John	9	
WILSON, George	8		ASHCRAFT, Richard	7	
WILSON, Benjamin	6		MAHON, John (1)	4	4
COCHRAN, James	4		ROBE, William	7	
YOUNGMAN, Jacob	8		KING, Cornelious	2	
DUNN, James	6	eu eu	KING, Peter	7	
PRICHET, Isaac	1	~ ~	PEIRPOINT, John	6	
JOSEPH, William	9		HANWAY, Samuel	1	~ ~

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(1) - Shown as James Mahon in the so called "First Census of the United States - Heads of Families - Virginia".

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NAME	WHT	BT.K	NAME	WHT	BLK
FREEMAN, Edmond	8	BLK	HALL, Esau	5	<u> </u>
WHITELOCK, Micheal			MILLS, Thomas	12	
TIBBS, Francis			RIDGEWAY, Lot	11	
LANGSTON, Jacob			STAFFORD, James	4	
JENKINS, Joseph		1	MERIWETHER, David	3	14
JENKINS, James	1		•	2	
BOZARTH, John	6			8	6
BRUMEGIN, Garvis	2		PENDELL, Phillip	3	
BRUMEGIN, Honor	2		CURRANT, James	6	
GODFERREY, John	4		BOYDSTONE, George	7	
JOHNSON, John			SNYTHER, Margret	5	
PETERS, John	3		The state of the s	2	
RIDGWAY, Lot	3		NORRISS, William	7	8
PARK, Robert	6		BUTLER, Ignatious	5	
CLELAND, James	7		WARMAN, Francis	8	6
LITLE, Mary	Ś		HOLT, John	9	2
EVANS, Thomas	g.		JAMES, William	9 5	
HAMILTON, John			LOWE, Joshua	5	
BRUMEGIN, Elias	4			5 2	
STRAIT, Jacob	-		RAMSEY, John Sen ^r	3	4
RODGERS, Lewis	8	00 000	RAMSEY, John Jun ^r	3	1
STUART, John	4		COZAD, Jacob	6	
JOHN, Samuel (2)	i		RUBLE, Samuel	6	
JOHN, Thomas (3)	6		LEWELLIN, Francis	6	
DENNEY, James			JONES, John	5	
HALL, Jurdon (4)	6		GRIGSBEY, Charles	4	
MASON, Isaac	5		JENKINS, George	2	1
WHEELER, John	3		JENKINS, Bartholamew	7	7
BALLA, Augustus	6		DRAGO, John	7	
GRIGGS, Thomas	7		ICE, Frederick (5)	7	
BARNES, William			ROSS, James	5	
BONNET, Charles			LEWELLIN, John	6	
BAINES, Thomas			(JON)ES, Jacob	12	
JOHN, William		day 400		9	
STUART, William	8		PEARCE, Elias	. 6	
CAIN, Richard	10		SCOTT, John Sen ^r	6	
DAVIS, Owen	4		SCOTT, John Sen ^r LOWE, Richard	5	
DUNAWAY, William	7		LEWELLIN, Samuel	9	
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- (2) Shown as John Samuel in the so called "First Census of the United States Heads of Families Virginia".
- (3) Shown as John Thomas in the so called "First Census of the United States Heads of Families Virginia".
- (4) Shown as Zwidon Hall in the so called "First Census of the United States Heads of Families Virginia".
- (5) Shown as Frederick Lee in the so called "First Census of the United States Heads of Families Virginia".

A return of the people White and Black in Monongalia Co., Virginia in 1782 - Continued.

NAME WHT BLK NAME	WHT	BLK
SIMPSON, Jeremiah 2 1 STOUT, Jonathan	6	
LOWE, Nathan 4 LAMBERT, Jonathan	7	
HELMECK, Adam 6 WILKENSON, Samuel	4	
JOHNSON, Patrick 5 WILKENSON, Joseph	7	
DOROTHY, John 7 WILKENSON, Joseph Jun ^r	3	
HAMILTON, William 8 NUTTER, John	5	
TAUNAHILL, Jeremiah 3 DAVISON, Ann	7	1
LAYTON, Elias 6 STOUT, Daniel	6	
MARTIN, Joseph 6 EDWARDS, Isaac	7	
DOWNARD, Joseph 8 ABBEN, John	7	
PETTYJOHN, William 4 HARBOUR, Esabel	5	
TRADER, Aurthor Sen ^r 2 SMITH, Aaron	8	
HASTINGS, Joseph 2 OWENS, John	6	
JACKSON, George 5 EVERETT, Walter	5	
BARKLEY, Thomas 5 HUSTED, Gilbert	8	
DAVIS, William 9 POWERS, John	8	
DAVISON, Obediah 5 ROBENSON, William	10	
DAVISON, Josiah 2 KNOTS, Edward	2	
NUTTER, Thomas 8 MCKINNEY, James	4	
NUTTER, Christopher 1 HARRIS, Charles	1	
HUGHES, Thomas 6 LOWTHER, William	8	
HANNAMAN, Christopher 6 COBUN, Jonathan	6	
MCCOLLEY, John 3 RUNYON, William	7	
DAVISON, Isaac 4 RICHARDS, Jacob	6	
REED, John 1 LOWTHER, Joel	3	
HICKMAN, Suth 7 CAIN, John	8	
FORNASH, Charles 1 RUNYON, Henry	8	
DAVISON, Daniel 7 HUGHES, Elias	5	***
RUNYON, John 6 OBRYAN, Adam	7	
JACKSON, John 9 TANNER, William	2	-
BEARD, Samuel 9 FLESHER, Henry	9	
WASHBUN, Rebekah 4 TANNER, Edward	6	
RICHARDS, John 8 RICHARDS, Martha	5	***
SLEETH, John 4 WEST, Allexander	3	
JACKSON, John 9 TANNER, William BEARD, Samuel 9 FLESHER, Henry WASHBUN, Rebekah 4 TANNER, Edward RICHARDS, John 8 RICHARDS, Martha SLEETH, John 4 WEST, Allexander HACKER, John 10 WOOD, John	8	
SCHOOLCRAFT, John 1 WEBB, Thomas	4	
SCHOOLCRAFT, Christian 2 GREGORY, Joseph	6	
REED, Thomas 1 ROBENSON, Benjamin	3	
CARPENTER, Nicholas 8 COPELAN, Benjamin	5	
POWERS, Major 5 WEST, Edmond	7	
ARNOLD, James 2 MURPHEY, John	3	
GOODWIN, John 4 CUNNINGHAM, Edward	7	
WEBB, Elisabeth 10 SHINN, Levy	7	
EDWARDS, David 8 MOORE, Ann	3	
STOUT, Thomas 3 WOLF, John	6	***
PLUMMER, Robert 8 DAVISON, John	4	

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NAME	WHT	BLK	NAME	WHT	BLK
DOUGLASS, Levy	4		SIMS, John	6	<u> </u>
HUSTED, Moses	5		WORL, Attewill	6	
NUTTER, Matthew	4		SPURGIN, William	12	
DAVISON, Andrew	4		ROBENIT, Samuel	5	
MURPHEY, Denis	5		WORL, Samuel	5	***
THOMAS, Evan	5		DAVISON, David	4	
PIKE, Robert	3		SPURGIN, James	8	
DAVISON, Josiah	5		HOGUE, Zebulon	7	
SHINN, Benjamin	8		MORRIS, John	4	
	7		CRAFT, Thomas	6	
DAVISON, Amaziah	5		ROBENET, John	4	
ANDERSON, James	8		· ·	6	-
CHIPS, Thomas			HENREY, John		
GRAYHAM, John	7		HORTEN, Elihu TOMLINSON, Joseph	2	4
ROBERTS, Amos	2		MORRIS, Richard	z Z	
KIRKPATRICK, William	2		*	5 2 3 2	
KIRKPATRICK, Andrew	9		MORRIS, Morris ARSKINS, Edward	9	
JONES, Ezekial	6			4	
HITES, John (6)			*		
BUTLER, Joseph			-	7	
BUTLER, Thomas		2	TRADER, Moses TRADER, Aurther Jun ^r	5 3 3	
BIGGS, William				5	
LONDON, Barth	4		WOLLESON, Richard	11	
DAUGHERTY, John				4	
MORGAN, William	_		PARKER, James	5	
GREEN, John - kild by			FRAZE, David	7	
the Indians			FRAZE, Samuel	2	
LEMON, George - Refuses			WOOLF; Samuel	5	
WOOLF, Jacob - Refuses			WARD, Peter	11	
CHENEY, Thomas	8		WORLEY, Anthoney	7	
JUDEY, Martin Jun ^r	5		ROBENET, Joseph	5	
WARNER, John	5		MENEER, Jonathon	8	
LANE, Joseph			MENEER, David	2	
HERS, Martin	5		-	4	
SEVERENS, Daniel					
SEVERENS, Joseph	1		- · · · •	2	4
JUDEY, Martin	9		STACKPOLE, John	_	
MCCOLLUMS, James	5		GOOF, James	5	** ***
LINSER, George	3		CAMERON, Elisabeth	3	
DONALDSON, Charles	9		JOHNSON, Michael	8	ົວ
WELCH, John	2		JOHNSON, Edward	3	
CONNER, John	6		CRAYCRAFT, Samuel	11	
KELLEY, John	6		BOZARD, Cornelious	5	

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(6) - Shown as John Stiles on the so called "First Census of the United States - Heads of Families - Virginia".

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NAME	WHT	BLK	NAME	WHT	BLK
PARSONS, Charles	7		MCDONALD, Francis	6	
WOOLF, Jacob	2		ABBET, Benjamin	5	
EBERMAN, Samuel	6		COLLENS, Edmond	8	
PRINGLE, Samuel	4		RIFLE, Jacob	10	
CASATY, William	6	m -	WESTFALL, George Sen ^r	12	
PARSONS, George	6		WESTFALL, George Jun ^r	2	
PARSONS, Joseph	5		PETTY, Ebenezer	9	→
STALNAKER, Jacob Jun ^r			TRUBEY, Christopher	4	min 1900
SPRINGSTONE, Elisabeth	6		MCCLEAN, Charles	7	
PHILLIPS, Thomas	9		HOLDER, Thomas	7	Man 400
KITTLE, Jacob	5		FORNELSON, Joseph	11	***
WILSON, Benjamin		2	STOOTS, Joseph	8	
ISENOR, Michael	6		CROUCH, Joseph	10	M w
WESTFALL, Jacob Jun'	5		SHAVER, Peter	5	
LEVIT, William	7		FORNELSON, Charles	6	
STALNÁKER, Jacob Sen ^T	6		HENDERSON, David	2	
STALNAKER, Valentine	5.		STOOTS, Elijah	2	
RATCLIFF, William	10		CROUCH, John	4	
CUTRIGHT, John	7		. CROUCH, John Jun ^r	4	
SMITH, Nicholas	5			7	
WESTFALL, Jacob SenT	4			9	1
WHITMAN, Matthias	6		CURRANCE, John	8	
RYAN, Solomon	6		SMITH, Jonathan	3	
SMITH, William	9		MAXWELL, Alexander	7	
CROUCH, Judith	5		JONES, Benjamin	6	
WESTFALL, William	13		BREEDING, George	8	
STALNAKER, Margaret	2		BREEDING, Peter	4	
RICHASON, Aaron	8		CASATY, Peter Jun ^r	6	
BOOTH, Daniel	7		(C) ASATY, David	10	
SMITH, Anthoney	3		CASATY, John	8	
WOOLF, Nicholas	5		MCHENRY, Samuel	8	
CUTRIGHT, Benjamin	5		CLAM, Phillip	4	
TRUBEY, John	3		PAULEY, John	6	
SHAVER, Jacob	2		YOCHAM, John	6	
WARWICK, John	11	3	CARPENTER, Daniel	7	
HAMILTON, Patrick	8		SHAVOURS, George	4	
LACKEY, Thomas	2		RIFFLE, Elenor	7	
LACKEY, James Sen ^T	2	10 m	SHAVOURS, Elisabeth	5	
HAMILTON, William	2	***	PARSONS, Charles	6	
MOORE, James	5		PARSONS, George	6	
HENDERSON, Robert	8		PARSONS, Joseph	4	

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Sale bill of the personal property of George Bush dec'd June 13,1834.

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Jacob Bush 1	PURCHASES'S NAME	Submitted by Bette Butcher Topp	5 . 5
Richard Johnson Andrew Stalnaker Richard Johnson Abraham Smith Spour I Large dish I Bread tray John Clark John Hagle Same Blight Plesher Salathiel Stalnaker John Clark John Salathiel Jo			PRICE
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Richard Johnson Andrew Stalnaker Richard Johnson Abraham Smith Spour I Large dish I Bread tray John Clark John Hagle Same Blight Plesher Salathiel Stalnaker John Clark John Salathiel Jo	Richard Johnson	1 Tea pot	53
Richard Johnson Andrew Stalnaker Richard Johnson Abraham Smith Spour I Large dish I Bread tray John Clark John Hagle Same Blight Plesher Salathiel Stalnaker John Clark John Salathiel Jo	Same "	1 Cream jug	127
Richard Johnson Andrew Stalnaker Richard Johnson Abraham Smith Spour I Large dish I Bread tray John Clark John Hagle Same Blight Plesher Salathiel Stalnaker John Clark John Salathiel Jo	Abraham Smith	1 Ditto "	121
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Andrew Stalnaker Richard Johnson Abraham Smith Anthony Spour I Large dish I Decanter Anthony Spour I Large dish I Bread tray John Clark John Hagle I Pewter dish I Ditto Same I Pewter dish I Book Border Warfare John Clark Michael Bush Michael Bush Michael Bush Michael Bush Michael Bush Michael Bush Michael Stalnaker John Clark Michael Bush John Salathiel Stalnaker Do Hym book Abraham Jamith L Do Hym book L 25 Milliam McNemar L Do Hym book L 25 Milliam McNemar L Do Law of ? Milliam McNemar L Do Bible L Sac Bush Solomon Fisher L Do Hym book L 12½ Ladles L Sac Bush L Sac Bush Don Mistory of Animals L Coope Brass Clock & Case Mill Anthony Spour John Talbott Anthony Spour John Talbott Anthony Spour John Talbott Michael Bush Michael Book Michael Bush Michael Book Michael Bush Michael Book Mi	Michael G. Bush	1 Lot tea cups & saucers	
Andrew Stalnaker Richard Johnson 3 Small plates .30 Abraham Smith 5 Plates .004 Anthony Spour 1 Large dish .25 Isac Bush 1 Pewter dish .60 same 8 1 Pewter dish .60 same 9 1 Ditto 9 70 Eligah Plesher 1 Slate .70 Eligah Plesher 1 Medical Book .75 Eligah Plesher 1 Medical Book .75 Eligah Plesher 1 Medical Book .75 Michael Bush 1 Ditto 9 2.12 Michael Bush 1 Ditto 9 2.12 Milliam Pennipar 1 Ditto 9 2.12 Abraham Springston 1 Singing book .25 Abraham Smith 1 Do Hym book .25 Balathiel Stalnaker 2 Do Fietchers wks .71 Daniel R. Helmick 1 Do. Law of 7 2.12 Milliam McNemar 1 Do Hym book .12 Richard Johnson 1 Do Bible .15 Richard W. Riddle 3 Do Spelling books .12 Daniel R. Helmick 1 Do Law of 7 Isac Bush 1 wurt bottle & ink .13 Solomon Fisher 1 Pallen leaf table 2.00 Richard W. Riddle 1 Desk 2.00 Brass Clock & Case 35.00 John Talbott 1 Coffee Mill .31 Anthony Spour 1 Sausage stuffer & candle stick .30 Anthony Spour 1 Swillet .32 Fisher 1 Conk shell .31 Abraham 501f 1 Conk shell .32 Fallen leaf table .32 Soundries .31 Fallen leaf table .32 Soundries .31 Fallen leaf table .33	Richard Johnson	1 Lot Ditto " "	• 50
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Anthony Spour Jr.	2 sickles	• 50
Jacob Bush	1 Hand saw	1.75
Robert Clark	l ⊔itto "	•75
John Smith	1 Hatchet	.70
Richard Johnson	1 Scythe	.65
Isac Bush	l Pair geese	3.00
	Ditto 1 Pair	2.07
Jacob P. Jackson	l Harness	• 56
Henry Canfield	1 Bridle	.20
	1 Wolf trap	1.75
	1 Kittle	.25
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	Ditto saddle	5.00
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	1 Grindstone	.50
	l basket & iron	.82
	1 Syckle	1.83
henry Canfield	1 Double tree	.30
Richard Johnson	1 Do Spreaders	1.00
John Talbott	1 Sheet	.51
Minter Bailey	1 Rug	.31
Abraham Smith	l dogshead	.25
John ∦estfall	l Ditto	.15
Jacob Westfall	1 Ditto	.05
John Harris	1 Plow	1.11
Isac Bush	l Cask & dye tub	.03
Jacob we tfall	1 Hoe	.121
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James M. Camp	2 Sheep lst. Choice	3.12
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Jacob destfall	10 Still tubs	14.50
Jacob P. Jackson	1 Basket and bucket	3.29
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same "	1 Small still cap & worm	16.03
Isac Bush	1 Cider Mill	7.01
Abraham Smith	1 Pump	1.13
David Wilson	1 Bull	9.25
John P. T. Armstrong	1 Cow and Calf	10.91
William Clark	1 Ditto	13.00
Jacob Bush	7 Head 3yr. old steers	57.00
Thomas #olf	5 Head 2yr. old Cattle	33.16
John Bonnett	1 Heifer 3 yrs. old	9.12
David Wilson	1 Sorrell Mare	55.52

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I do certify that the foregoing is a true account of the sale bill of the personal property of George Bush dec'd.

M. G. Bush Admr. of George Bush dec'd.

Devis County Court. January Term 1835. The foregoing sale bill of the mersonal estate of George Bush dec'd was presented in open Court and ordered to be recorded.

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J. Talbott C.x.

THE COZAD FAMILY

(a continuation of the family as given on page 82 Hacker's Creek Journal, V.IV, Issue 2.)

- 5. JACOB SUITON COZAD (Jacob, Jacob, Anthony, Jacques) b. 10 Feb. 1755; d. 22 Aug. 1827 Fairfield, Greene Co. Ohio; m. 1775 (monongalia Co. WV) MERCY WOODWARD, b. 1756; d. 18 May 1837. Both are buried in the Cozad Cemetery east of Fairborn, Greene Co. Ohio. He was a Baptist Minister; was pastor of the Baptist Church organized at Buckhannon 1786, Western Virginia. They lived on Hacker's Creek in Lewis Co. West Virginia at the time the children were kidnapped by the Indians, 26 July 1794. Their children COZAD:
 - i. John, b. 25 Oct. 1776 Monongalia Co. WV; d. 17 Feb. 1842, Fulton Co. Illinois; m. c. 1800 Sarah Powers. He was captured by the Indians, 1794.

ii. Elizabeth, b. 1779; m. as 2nd. wife, 1 July 1797 (H) John Jackson

- iii. William Sutton, b. 26 Feb. 1781; d. 25 Oct. 1853 Fairfield, Ohio; m. 5 Jan. 1807 (H) Mariah Bailey, b. 13 Jan. 1790; d. 22 Sept. 1861
- 6 iv. Jacob, b. 1782; m. Sarah Taylor; m. Ruby Beeman; m. Sarah Skidmore

v. David, b. 1783/84; Captured by the Indians 1794.

- vi. Samuel C., b. 7 Oct. 1785 Monongalia Co. WV; d. 1842 Lewistown, Fulton Co., Illinois; m. 25 Jan. 1806 (Greene Co.,OH) Mary Mercer
- vii. Benjamin, "Benny", b.s. 1786; d. 26 July 1794 Hacker's Creek, Harrison Co. WV. He was murdered by the Indians.
- viii.Benjamin C., b. 5 May 1793 Hacker's Creek, Harrison Co. WV; d. 27 Aug. 1849 Ellisville, Fulton Co. Illinois; m. 25 July 1810 (Butler Co. OH) Martha Shaw. (Note from S.N. It seems a bit strange that a second child should have been named Benjamin before the first of that name was murdered by the Indians?)
- ix. Mary, "Polly", b. 1 Feb. 1795 Hacker's Creek; d. 8 July 1866 Fairfield, Greene Co. OH m. 18 June 1817 (Greene Co. OH) Moses Hall, Sr.
- 7 x. Mercy, b. 11 July 1800 WV or Ohio; d. April 1891 Piqua, Ohio; m. 22 July 1817 (Greene Co. OH) Samuel Williamson

"At the County Court held 19 May 1795 for Harrison Co. John Hacker, Jacob Cozad, & John Wagner came into Court to obtain identification to present to General Wayne for help in securing the release of their children, now in custody of the Indians."

Ref: HISTORY OF HARRISON CO. WV, 1910 by Henry Haymond.

- Ref. for family #5 is from LAW, Thomas & William of West Virginia. It is updated from the Charts of Mrs. Betty Cozad Trout, St. Paul,MN
- 6. JACOB COZAD (Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Anthony, Jacques) b. 1782 Harrison Co. West Virginia; d. 5 July 1862, buried Morrison Cemetery, Lewis Co. WV. He was kidnapped by the Indians at the same time his brother Benjamin was killed, 26 July 1794; was ransomed by his father after the signing of the Treaty of Greenville, Ohio in 1795. He m. 24 Dec. 1803 (H) SARAH TAYLOR. He m. 2nd. 8 Jan. 1820 (L) RUBY BEEMAN. He m. 3rd. Sarah Skidmore. She is shown as his wife on the 1850 Census of Lewis Co, but I am unable to find record of the marriage. Jacob was a Baptist Minister. He seems to have spent the greater part of his life in Lewis Co. West Virginia. The children COZAD:
 - i. Mercy, b. 1804; d. 9 Sept. 1862, is bur. in the Morrison Cemetery as Mercy Cozad. She is shown on the 1850 & 1860 Census of Lewis Co. in the home of her father, as Mercy Cozad. A marriage record in Lewis Co. shows: Mercy Cozad, m. 27 June 1831 William Morrison. We have no further record of this William Morrison?
 - ii. Woodward, b. Berlin, Lewis Co. WV; m. Beede Beaman who d. 1831 Mason, Ohio. He m. 2nd. 1832 Phoebe Beaman. (His dau. Cecelia, m. 3 April 1855 (L) Jacob B. Pifer. She lived at Buckhannon, WV) Ref: Border Settlers, by McWhorter.

Family continued on next page.

- 6. Family of Jacob Cozad Continued:
 - iii. Jacob, b. 26 April 1815; d. 26 Aug. 1839, bur. Morrison Cemetery. He m. 23 Aug. 1835 (L) Sarah H. Eakle (Eagle) who m. 2nd. 23 May 1843 (L) Josiah S. Law. (See LAW, #23, p.21.
- iv. Jackson, b. 1818 Lewis Co. WV; d. 1887 Croydon, Iowa; m. Harriet
 - v. Samuel, b.s. d.y.
 - vi. David Sutton, b.s. d.y.

Children of 2nd. marriage:

- vii. Elijah, b. 10 April 1821 Lewis Co. WV; m. 14 Aug. 1840 (H) by Rev. Henry R. Bonnett to Martha Law, (d/o Wm. F. Law & Elizabeth Thornhill). They moved to Appanoose Co.,Iowa 1857. See LAW, #22, page 20. Also see Thornhill.
- yiii.Clarinda, b. 18 July 1823; m. George C. Lawson
- 10 ix. Elizabeth, b. 1825; m. John A. Maxson
 - x. Benjamin Franklin, b. c. 1830, was in the home of his parents in 1850, Lewis Co. WV. In 1860 Lewis Co. he is shown with wife Sarah M. ae 22, b. in Tennessee. Children: James B., b. 1857 Iowa; William F., b. 1859 WV; William Atkinsson, ae 19, b. in Illinois was in the home. William F. Cozad (s/o Benjamin F. & Sarah M.) d. 20 May 1861, ae 2 yr, 4 mo, 5 da, is buried in the Morrison Cemetery. Lewis Co. WV near the children of J.K.P. Maxson.
- 7. MERCY COZAD⁶ (Jacob, ¹jacob, ³Anthony, Jacques) b. 11 July 1800 West Virginia or Ohio; d. April 1891 Picqua, Ohio at the home of son, Albert Williamson. She m. 22 July 1817 Fairfield, Greene Co. Ohio) SAMUEL H. WILLIAMSON who d. 1839. Their home was in Greene Co. Ohio. Their children WILLIAMSON:
 - i. Emily, b.c. 1818 Greene Co., Ohio; m. Harrison Gutheridge
 - ii. Mary, b.s.; m. J.O. Curtis
 - iii. Elizabeth, b.s. m. Dr. James Samples
 - iv. Sarah, b.s. m. Eben Burrows
 - v. William, b.s. m. Harriet Smith
 - vi. Mercy Isabell, b.s. m. Dr. William Higgins
 - vii. Albert J., b.s. ; d. at Piqua, Ohio; m. no children.
 - viii.Margaret Ann, b.s. m. William Alexander; lived at Topeka, Kansas.

Ref: This complete family is credited to the work of Mrs. Betty Cozad Trout, St. Paul, MN Ref. for family #6 is from LAW, Thomas & William of West Virginia, 1986, Susie D. Nicholson

- 9. CLARINDA COZAD⁷ (Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Anthony, Jacques) b. 18 July 1823 Lewis Co. d. 18 March 1865, buried Morrison Cemetery, Lewis Co. West Virginia; m. 12 Oct. 1846 (L) GEORGE C. LAWSON, b. 23 Feb. 1822. He m. 2nd. Elizabeth Morrison (d/o William Morrison & Mary Brake)
 - i. Jacob W., b. 18 July 1846; d. 20 July 1869
 - ii. Rebecca E., b. 1848; m. 1 March 1868 (L) William S. Starcher
 - iii. Cecella C., b. 1849; m. 15 Sept. 1870 (L) Ervin Swisher
 - iv. Ailey v. (female), b. 1851
 - v. Cornelius F., b. 27 Aug. 1853; d. 19 Jan. 1857 (bur. Morrison Cemetery.
 - vi. George C., b. 20 June 1855 Hackers Creek, Lewis Co. WV; m. 19 Aug. 1883 Flora M. McWhorter, b. 29 Sept. 1861 (d/o J.M. McWhorter & Rosetta Marple)

Ref: Hardesty's History of Lewis Co. Reprint.

The foregoing two pages by Susie D. Nicholson, 4344 Hohman Circle, Akron, OH 44319

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JOOHN MITCHELL

The Life and Times of a HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER

by

William Foster Hayes III

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More socio-political history:

In 1782, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams prevailed at the peace talks in Paris.

In 1783, the British signed the Peace Treaty, formally recognized the independence of the United States of America, evacuated their redcoats.

In 1784, the state constitutions (based on the proposed Bill of Rights) were drawn up, including that of Virginia; Thomas Jefferson's Land Ordinance passed.

In 1785, James Madison's Religious Freedom Act passed, abolishing religious tests in Virginia and other states.

In 1786, the State of Virginia adopted the Statute for Religious Freedom.

In 1787, the United States Constitutional Convention met at Independence Hall, Philadelphia; the Constitution was drawn up and signed, establishing our Federal Government. Dollar (paper) currency was introduced in the United States, although British pounds continued to be used for some time.

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As the nation grew, so did the Mitchell family. It was in Rocking-ham County that the first child of John and Catherine Margaret Teter Mitchell was born, in 1785. This was George Teter Mitchell, who on December 20, 1807, in Harrison County, married Mary Virginia McCann (born on the banks of the West Fork River, Harrison County, June 22, 1788, died in Harrison (now Barbour) County, January 19, 1859), daughter of Patrick McCann (1760-1853, son of Laurence McCann)

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and Hannah Johnson. George and Mary were married by Rev. Joseph Cheuvront, had six children. They moved, about 1812, to Randolph County, settled on the north side of the Tygart Valley River, in Barker's Settlement, near Belington. George died in Randolph County, 30 miles west of his birth place, in December, 1821. His widow married (December 26, 1824) George's first cousin Joseph Teter, son of Jacob Teter and (his first wife) Elizabeth Holder, had at least four children.

And it was in (by this time) Pendleton County that their second child was born. This was William Mitchell, born 1787/8. He married (January 30, 1809, in Harrison County) Elizabeth Straley (born about 1784), daughter of Christian Straley and his wife Christina Lantz. William Mitchell died in Lewis County, early in 1834. His will, dated December 27, 1833, is recorded there. William and Elizabeth had six children.

Child number three was Abner Mitchell (my direct-line ancestor), born in Pendleton County, July 31, 1789. He married, December 8, 1812, in Harrison County, Dorcas Lawson (born October 22, 1793 in Prince George County, MD, died February 4, 1857 in Lewis County), daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Lawson. The marriage of Abner and Dorcas was the first marriage ceremony performed by the Rev. John Mitchell in Harrison County. Abner Mitchell, who also became a Methodist Minister, died January 22, 1840, in Lewis County. Abner and Dorcas had three children. By 1814, they established their home a short distance above the mouth of White Oak Lick, in the Roanoke, Lewis County, area.

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The Anglican Church, following the War of Independence, was "disestablished" in the United States. Perhaps John Mitchell had originally been Church of England; but, at any rate, his name appears in a list of those "confirmed" into the Lutheran Church by the Rev. Paul Henkle (second cousin to Mitchell's wife) in Pendleton County on October 15, 1789. A number of Henkles and Teters (siblings and cousins of Mitchell's wife) were confirmed at the same time.

Shortly afterwards (probably in 1792), perhaps through the agency of his wife's cousin, the Rev. Dr. Moses Montgomery Henkle, or her uncle Moses Elsworth, Sr. (husband of her aunt Mary Elizabeth Henkle), John Mitchell was converted to Methodism. This was obviously a much deeper commitment, as it led to his years of theological study and his then becoming a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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In 1788, the State of Virginia ratified the Federal Constitution; the Constitution came into force. George III experienced his first attack of mental illness.

In 1789, the First United States Congress met in New York; George Washington was unanimously elected and inaugurated President. The Bastille of Paris was stormed by the mob, beginning the violence of the French Revolution; King Louis XVI and his court moved from

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Versailles to Paris. The mutineers of HMS Bounty settled on Pitcairn's Island in the South Pacific. The mood of the Western World was certainly "freedom at all cost!"

In 1790, Philadelphia was made the Federal Capital of the United States, but Washington, DC, was founded for future use.

In 1791, Louis XVI was caught at Varennes, and returned to Paris. The Bill of Rights was applauded and quickly ratified.

In 1792, the French royal family was imprisoned; the guillotine was first used in Paris; "La Marseillaise" was written and adopted. Two political parties were formed in the United States: the Republican Party, under Thomas Jefferson, and the Federalist Party, under Alexander Hamilton and John Adams. Dollar coinage was first minted in the U.S.

The next child born to John and Margaret was Mary Teter Mitchell, born in Pendleton County, January 26, 1792. She married (about 1811) George Cookman (born February 6, 1790, in VA, died in July, 1850, in Lewis Co), settled on Jesse's Run about 1812. They had nine children. Mary Teter Mitchell Cookman died March 1, 1871, and was buried next to her husband in the Old Harmony Church Cemetery.

Child number five, born in Pendleton County, about 1794, was John Mitchell, Jr. The Rev. John Mitchell performed a wedding ceremony on January 26, 1818 (Lewis County Marriage Book I, p. 3), marrying John Mitchell to Polly Hoo. Other records indicate that John Mitchell, Jr., married Mary Howe. It is presumed these are the same. They had one child, moved to Kentucky in 1845, died there.

John Mitchell served briefly in the Virginia Militia again in the fall of 1794 (at age 31), in connection with the Whiskey Rebellion, under Captain William Gregg. Gregg, the step-father of Andrew Johnson, lived on the hill above Seneca.

There are various John Mitchell entries on the Court Records of Pendleton County. It is presumed he had a fair knowledge of law, since he was witness or executor for many people in connection with their wills, such as the will of John Justus Henkle, Jr., dated November 16, 1793, and proved May 5, 1794 (Will Book I, p. 62, Franklin, Pendleton Co, VA). Mitchell's signatures were always very nicely written, but he always used only on "l" in his last name. Somewhere along the way that's been changed to two.

The sixth child of John and Catherine Margaret was Jane Mitchell, born 1798, in Pendleton County. She married (about 1820) Alexander Curtis, had three children before Alex died in 1829. She married, secondly (about 1831), John Godfrey (born Hardy Co, VA, 1796, died 1863), had four more children, all sons. John Godfrey was buried in the Old Mitchell Cemetery, in an unmarked grave.

In 1800, at age 37, John Mitchell entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, became a member of the Pittsburgh Conference, began to travel as an itinerant preacher on a circuit

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which included Harrison County. He must have cut quite an impressive figure, was described as being an angular tall man, lean and muscular, with great pigtail of hair, hard hands, prominent cheekbone and high forehead. Considered an eloquent orator, with a ranging voice "that could shift from soft fur to hard steel," he was, according to the Rev. Mansfield McWhorter, "a man who loved controversy." Another description said, "Rev. John sat him a tall horse."

Two more children were born to John and Catherine Margaret. Number seven was Paul Mitchell, born 1800/1, in Pendleton County. Paul never married, died about 1830.

And child number eight was Margaret Mitchell, born in Pendleton County, April 11, 1803. Margaret never married either; she died April 30, 1853, was buried May 6, 1853.

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- 1793 -- Hard times in France. The French Republic was proclaimed, and the Reign of Terror began. King Louis XVI was executed, as was Queen Marie Antoinette. Napoleon took Toulon.
- 1794 -- Slavery was abolished in the French Colonies. The United States of America established its Navy.
- 1795 -- France appointed Napoleon Commander-in-Chief. U. S. Congress passed the Naturalization Act, requiring five years' residence.
- 1796 --- Napoleon married Josephine. France announced freedom of the press. George Washington said no to a third term, gave his Farewell Address.
- 1797 -- U. S. inaugurated President John Adams and Vice President Thomas Jefferson. England minted the first copper pennies and paper one-pound notes.
- 1798 -- Napoleon captured Egypt. George Washington died.
- 1799 -- One of Napoleon's officers discovered the Rosetta Stone in the mud of the Nile River, which led to the unlocking of the mystery of the ancient Egyptian language.
- 1800 -- Washington, DC, became the new Capital City of the U. S.
- 1801 -- The Union Jack, combining the Cross of St. George (England), the Cross of St. Andrew (Scotland) and the Cross of St. Patrick (Ireland), became the official flag of the United Kingdom. Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated third President of the United States.
- 1802 -- Napoleon became President of the Italian Republic.
- 1803 -- Lewis and Clark began their Expedition. President Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase more than doubled the area of the United States, opening up vast new lands for settlement. Ohio became a state.

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Wars on the western frontier, and then the Louisiana Purchase, there developed considerable unrest in Pendleton County and the determination on the part of many of the people there to seek new homes and better prospects farther west. Emigration from Pendleton County in the early part of the new century became very marked. Many went to Ohio. Some families went as far as Indiana and Illinois (although they were not yet states), often traveling in groups of related or neighboring families. The main route of travel was by way of the old Indian and pioneer trails to the Tygart River Valley district in Randolph County, and on to the Valley of the West Fork of the Monongahela River in Harrison County.

John Mitchell, who by this time had itinerated to Harrison County several times on his preaching circuits, was one who thus made the decision for removal from Pendleton County, to better his condition, gain more land and provide for his growing family. In 1803, he and his wife and family left the North Fork and moved over the Allegheny Mountains to the vicinity of Hacker's Creek, in what was then Harrison County, Virginia. Of course, before leaving Pendleton County, John Mitchell disposed of his various land properties by deeds. Samuel Teter, a cousin of his wife, bought the homestead property, together with a smaller tract, for a thousand dollars. The tract on Seneca Creek he did not sell at this time, and did not deed it away until June, 1815. The tract in the Timber Hills was bought by Jacob Shoulders. Little Margaret was born April 11, 1803; Mitchell and family left in late May.

And what a long hard trip it was! The contemplation of such an ordeal put off all but the hardy, as they would have to slash their way along narrow precipitous trails, swim or wade across streams as they floated household goods on clumsy, hastily-constructed rafts. What would they take, and what would they leave behind? They would need certain equipment for the journey and other supplies to support their new life on the frontier. Any tool or utensil that could be made when they arrived was left behind.

Certainly, John Mitchell could not be without his rifle and his ax. They were more important than anything else he owned. With his long-rifle he could shoot game for food, or fight off wild animals. With his ax he could cut logs to make a raft or a shelter for his wife.

Hunting and fishing would provide most of the food along the way. But the family also carried corn meal, salt pork and dried beef. Johnnycake, a kind of cornbread, was a favorite because it did not spoil on a long trip. Milch cows moved slowly, but they were indispensable. Dogs were taken for sheep herding and hunting.

In addition to personal effects and livestock, Mitchell probably carried the following items to establish his new homestead:

- 1,000 lbs flour
 - 400 lbs bacon
 - 4 gallons vinegar
 - 200 lbs sugar
 - 150 lbs beans
 - 100 lbs dried beef
 - 50 lbs salt
- 2 doz boxes matches
 - 50 lbs coffee
 - 2 gallons pickles

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40 lbs dried fruit
    1 coffee mill
   30 lbs rice
   25 lbs soap
    3 camp kettles
   10 lbs pepper
    8 lbs tea
   50 lbs lead for bullets
    6 lbs cream of tartar
    3 lbs soda
1,000 gun caps
    6 rifles
      gun box
1 doz small kegs powder
    6 axes
    6 shovels
      cooking box (pots, pans, iron kettles, long-handled
         toasting fork, a few pieces of china, pewter, etc.)
      sewing box
1 doz wool blankets
l doz heavy quilts
      stock box
    4 heavy plowshares
    2 hoes
l doz wolf skins
1 doz buffalo hides
      tool box (adze, auger, hammer, saw, drill, etc.)
    l iron grate
    l large anvil
    2 spinning wheels
    1 large family Bible
    1 small traveling Bible
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This trip of John Mitchell and his family was made primarily on foot. Catherine Margaret and the baby rode one horse, Jane (age 5) and Paul (age 2) rode another. The rest drove the livestock and many pack animals ahead of them, as there were no wagon roads across the mountains at that time. The wretched route lay up the Seneca Trail and across the "Roaring Plains," down into the Valley of the Dry Fork of the Cheat River; then over the Alleghenies to the Tygart River Valley in Randolph County, where George Teter had owned land and where Jacob Teter, his son and Mitchell's brother-in-law, was then living. Then the trail took its way over what later became the Buckhannon Road through the hilly country to the Valley of the West Fork of the Monongahela. They traveled barely a few miles a day; the trip took over six weeks.

This Valley of the West Fork, where John Mitchell took up his new home and life, was by that time a fairly well-settled region. It had experienced many years of pioneer life and had been the scene of many Indian depredations, but was now a relatively peaceful and beautiful farming country. Many of the people living there had come originally from Hampshire, Hardy and Pendleton Counties. Some were relatives or friends of the Rev. John Mitchell and the Teter family; among such were Moses Elsworth, Sr., and his son-in-law, the Rev. Joseph Cheuvront, who were pioneers among the Methodists in that region.

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Some of the bolder, more venturesome, or more restless members of the older families, becoming tired of the peaceful sort of life now carried on in the West Fork Valley, after the excitement of the years of Indian warfare, were disposing of their property and moving farther west.

This gave John Mitchell an excellent opportunity to obtain, by purchase, a homestead property in the heart of this rather closelyknit community. He settled on a tract of land on Hacker's Creek (named after John Hacker, the first settler in the area), containing 207 acres and, then by deed dated March 28, 1805 (Harrison County Deed Book 4, p. 620), bought this land from James Tanner (then of Muskingham County, OH) for \$1,333.00. Once again, the description of the property in the deed is all done by measuring from tree to tree. As is shown by the survey plot from the Harrison County Survey Books, this is the very tract that was surveyed for Jesse Hughes, the famous border scout and Indian fighter, on July 10, 1791. William Radcliffe had been the original settler on this site, but he traded his pre-emption on it to Hughes. From the latter title passed to his son-in-law James Tanner. An old Indian village site near this place, on the bottom at the mouth of Jesse's Run, predated the later Indian tribes of more recent times, who were merely hunters in the valley. Of these later tribes, the Shawnees were the most important. The birth of the Shawnee Chief, Tecumseh, probably took place here in 1768. Tecumseh himself is said to have told one of John Mitchell's daughters that he was born there.

This tract of land on Jesse's Run became the Rev. John Mitchell's new home, and in the private graveyard on part of it he is buried. On the property at the time John Mitchell bought it, there was already a large two-story house made of logs, which had been built by Tanner, nearly completed. On arrival, Mitchell (age 40) and his three oldest sons, George (age 18), William (age 15) and Abner (age 14), finished off the house, dug a storage cellar, Constructed furniture and outbuildings, cleared land for planting, prepared for their first Hacker's Creek winter.

What furniture did they make first? Tables, benches, beds. The large family table was made of several split-log slabs supported by four sturdy split-log legs. Mary Teter Mitchell (age 11) was the baby-sitter, while John Mitchell, Jr. (age 9) whittled wooden pins for joining the wood pieces. Metal nails were scarce. Benches were constructed the same way as tables. And beds were made by sticking a pole into the wall to form an outside rail; this was supported by a notched log at the free end; crosspoles were laid from the pole to the wall. The crosspoles held a mattress stuffed with dried grass and leaves. Quilts, blankets and animal skins served as bed coverings. If there wasn't enough bed-space, the family Simply rolled up in buffalo hides and slept on the puncheon (split-log) floor. A steep ladder was built onto the wall of the cabin, leading up to the second story rooms; stair-steps took too much space.

The young whittler, in addition to wooden pegs, also carved spoons, ladles, bowls, platters, long pegs (to drive into the cabin walls to hold family clothing), etc. Deer antlers, hung over the door,

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made a good rack for Mitchell's rifle, bullet pouch and powder horn.

On pages 467-9 of Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia by L. V. McWhorter, there is the following description (with an 1894 photograph) of the house, which became John Mitchell's home for the rest of his life, and in which his son Benoni Mitchell lived afterward:

The large two-story hewn log house still standing in a good state of preservation was erected but not completed by Tanner. It is a fine specimen of the fortlike residence of Virginia border days. The crevices between the heavy oak logs are still firmly chinked with stone and mud. The massive stone chimney built inside the west end of the house is the most remarkable feature of this interesting relic of an era forever past. It is made of irregular cobblestone laid in clay mortar, and measures sixteen feet wide at the back.

On the ground floor, it is built in the shape of a half diamond, each angle measuring ten feet across. In each of these is a huge open fireplace, each facing a separate room. The largest of these fireplaces is four feet high by five feet wide, the other is four by four feet. They are about two feet and six inches in depth, but evidently were much deeper when first built, false backs having been built in. The spans, or arches, are composed of stone. On the upper floor the shape of the chimney was modified to that of a half hexigon. The two gide walls measure each five feet across, while the center face is six feet in which is a good sized fireplace. The chimney is twenty-eight feet high and carries its width of sixteen feet to the garret, where it narrows to eight feet. At the top it measures six feet by two and one half feet.

The original front door was removed only a few years ago. It was a massive affair, made of black walnut boards crossed diagonally and fastened together by hammered nails. The boards had been cut with a whipsaw, or, as some declared, hewed with an ax only. The door was three inches thick, and was hung on ponderous iron hinges, that reached nearly across its entire width, and were secured in place with heavy hand-forged iron clinch-nails. The house, as it stood for many years, has three rooms on the ground floor and two on the second floor. It is now owned by Mr. John A. Mitchell, a son of Benoni, and who gave me the above measurements.

No vestige of the house is left today, but in 1940 there was a giant oak tree just below the old graveyard, which may well have been one of the boundary black oaks given in the survey.

Edward C. Smith, in his A History of Lewis County, p. 150, says, "The settlers who came to Hacker's Creek after 1795 lived in comparative comfort, even in backwoods opulence." However, I'm not so sure the wife of John Mitchell, or any other housewife at that time, would have agreed with that statement. I'm more inclined to believe the description of pioneer women's lives as depicted

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by Judge J. C. McWhorter, at the Centennial Celebration of Old Harmony Church, in 1919, when he said:

I think of their hard lives. Hemmed within the narrow walls of their cabin homes with their home-made furniture, following the monotonous rounds of their daily toil, without conveniences and without neighbors, moving in an endless circle until an open grave in an open wilderness received them, bearing and caring for their children, spinning their wool and linen, weaving their cloth for their clothing, doing all the sewing and mending by hand, washing their coarse garments upon homemade wash-boards or upon the rough stones down by the spring or upon the creek bank, passing through those anxious, expectant months of their lives without the comforting hope of medical assistance when they should have to go down into the valley of death to bring into being another life to care for, and while in that condition doing all their own work, cooking for the whole family by the big wood fireplace with pots hung upon the iron cranes swinging from the chimney jambs, going as long as they could stand upon their feet, and finally taking their hard, crude beds of corn husks and straw laid upon split slats or hickory poles, only to rise again at the earliest possible moment, to lay their new-born babes in sugar-trough cradles while they started upon the same monotonous, back-breaking, soul-killing task again. Such was their lives. They faced the wilderness with its dangers from savages and wild beasts, and with no hope or expectation of relief or joy except that gathered from the family relations around the cabin fireside.

And there were few slaves to shoulder any of this mountain of chores! The black population in Harrison County was always small, since the terrain there was not suitable for the large scale farming which would require slaves.

After he settled in Harrison County, John Mitchell bought various other tracts of land and entered other tracts by survey and patent. The Virginia Land Patent Books and the Tax Records show all this. He appears on the Tax Lists beginning in 1804. Mitchell also acquired land over in Barker's Settlement in Randolph County, which much later he transferred to his grandchildren, Daniel P. Mitchell and Daniel's sister Hannah Mitchell Bennett.

Catherine Margaret Teter Mitchell never totally recovered from her eighth childbirth experience. She was weak and failing during the trek to Hacker's Creek. She died shortly after their arrival, at age 38, in the winter of 1803/4. She was the first to be laid to rest in the hilltop plot of ground which is now known as the Old Mitchell Cemetery. Her grave, 150 yards from the Mitchell farmhouse, was marked only by a rough stone with no inscription, sur rounded by dogwood and a myriad wildflowers.

Being left in this new home with a large family of small children and no immediate relatives to look after them, it probably seemed incumbent upon John Mitchell to marry again almost at once. So, on December 3, 1804, he married as his second wife Susannah Washburn (Harrison County Marriage Book No. I, p. 77). The minister who

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performed the ceremony was his old friend, the Rev. Joseph Cheuvront. The original marriage bond is dated the same day and is signed by John Mitchell and William Carder, his surety.

So, at age 41, John Mitchell began the second half of his life. New home, new wife, new life. It is at this point that he became a real Hacker's Creek Pioneer.

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Susannah Washburn, born in Harrison County, November 17, 1782, was 22 years old when she married, almost twenty years younger than her husband. She was the daughter of Charles Washburn and his wife Rebecca Lowther (daughter of Robert Lowther and Aquilla Rees, and sister of Colonel William Lowther, prominent military leader in western Virginia). Charles Washburn had been killed by the Indians in June of 1782, near where Clarksburg now is located (see Alexander Scott Withers' Chronicles of Border Warfare for particulars of this tragedy). Washburn's widow married the above-mentioned William Carder. From a letter of Rev. Paris L. Bent (with the information obtained from Lloyd Washburn of Good Hope, Lewis County), we learn:

Susannah's mother, after her first husband's death, married a Mr. Carder. They lived in a house on the spot where George Riffle of Good Hope now lives. Susannah lived with her mother and brother at the place mentioned above at the time of the last Indian raid through that part of the country, and only escaped being killed by the red men by creeping into a hay-stack. They shot her dog and killed their cows. The other members of the family took refuge in the house, and defended themselves with guns, through the port holes. Susannah escaped as I have described above.

Withers; in his account of this, gives the date of this attack as July 25, 1794. The same Joseph-Cheuvrontilived nearby and "with nobleness of purpose ran to the relief of his neighbors," etc.

There were probably three children in the Charles Washburn family. Isaac was a brother of Susannah, and Robert Washburn was probably the other child. By her marriage with William Carder, Rebecca (Lowther) Washburn had several more children. William Carder is buried in the old cemetery at Good Hope. Born in 1755, he died March 13, 1839. Nearby is the grave of Isaac Washburn, born September 6, 1776 and died September 15, 1834.

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15. Cox, Joseph	Westfall, Oen	Williams, John S.	Cox, Isaac P.
16. Barb, Moses	Heavener, Jacob	Prigg, Edward G.	Philips, David
17. Vanhorn, John	Casper, Abraham	West, Christian	Snider, Daniel
18. Teeter, James W.	Cutright, Abraham	Townsend, Solomon B.	Fisher, David
19. Post, George	Pringle, William	Wilson, Joseph, Jr.	Waggoner, John
20. Heavener, Elias	Pringle, Joel	Lowther, Archibald	Fisher, Adam
21. Rohrbough, Simon	Cutright, Isaac	Greenleaves, Noah	Butcher, Jasper
22. Lorentz, Marshall	Cutright, Abraham, Sr.	Cunningham, Jesse	Simpson, George
23. Shrene, Jacob R.	Cutright, Enoch	Butcher, Isaac	Simpson, Susanna
24. Post, Abraham	Bunton, James	Albert, Felix	Bush, Peter
	Rollings, Elisha C.	Malone, James	Bailey, Katherine
26. Hinkle, Archibald	Clark, Cornelius	Collins, William	Hall, Susanna
27. Forinash, John	Mearbeck, Samuel	Michaels, John E.	Woofter, James
28. Roudabough, Benj.	Crites, Jacob	Nutt, Roda	King, Francis
	Strader, Martin	Moneypenny, Thos.	Woofter, Isaac
30. Rohrbough, Anthony, Jr.	•	Fisher, George	White, George

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3. Sattle, Francis H.	Fisher, George, Jr.	Sharp, Daniel	Bush, Jacob H.
4. Cookman, George	Jones, Samuel	Alexander, Vincent	Smith, John T.
5. Mitchel, Elizabeth	Jackson, Stephen P.	Gerwick, Mathias	Bush, El1
6. Norman, Nelson	Camp, John G.	Ockerman, Michael	Bush, George W.
7. Steinbeck, Henry	Clim, John	Gerwick, George	Summerville, Robt.
8. Kee, John	Call, Thos.	Younger, Godfrey	Law, Andrew
	Bush, Peter	Waldeck, Davis	Armstrong, Alexander
10. Straley, Nicholas	Conley, George	Slaughter, Andrew	Sleeth, Alexander K.
ll. Alkire, Nicholas	Burkhammer, Leonard	Sleeth, Henry	Bush, Henry
12. Bonnett, Jacob	Miller, Henry	Wiant, Elias	Bush, Jacob
13. Life, Martin	Lovegrove, Wm.	Sleeth, Thos. J.	Smith, George
14. Life, John	McNulty, Wm.	Gum. Wm. N.	Goff, Hiram A.
15. Hanlee, John	Riddale, Hiram	Moneypenney, John	Wiant, Peter
16. Whetsel, Abram	Bush, Michael G.	Farnsworth, James S.	Goff, George W.
16. Coburn, Stephen	Branham, Thos.	Heakard, George	Whiting, Samuel
•	Branham, Hanable B.	Sleeth, George W.	Marks, Morgan
19. Peterson, John	Rice, Wm. J.	Clipstine, Jacob	Cain, Wallis S.
20. Smith, Elias G.	Wilson, John G.	Hurst, George	
	McCartney, Thos.	Cox, Jonathan	Bush, Robert P.
22. Smith, Jesse	Lynch, George	Bonnett, Jesse	Holbert, Wm.
	Armstrong, John J.P.	Barton, James	Branham, Samuel M.
24. Smith, Abram	Boggs, Wm.	Powers, Elihu	Riddall, James H.
	Fraim, Andrew P.	Conin, Wm.	Selbay, John
26. Stout, Samuel	Bennett, Wm.	McQuain, Hugh	Stalnaker, Nathaniel
27. Jackson, Jacob J.	Havorty, Michael H.	Smith, Jacob	Goff, Thomas
	Waldeck, Marg.	Patton, Wm.	Goff, Thos. D.
	Waldeck, Frederick	Heckard, Henry E.	Holt, J.F. W.
30. Wather, Travis	Butcher, Joseph	Heckard, Adam	Bell, Townsend

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2.	Picken, Alexander	Ball, M. Farling	Collins, Hezekiah	Mitchel, Robt.
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4.	Stalnaker, Salathiel J.	Ball, John	Nutter, Isaac W.	Elliot, Jarvis
5.	Rego, James	Bennett, Thos.	Mires, James	Elliot, Jacob
. 9	Hacker, Alex. W.	Taylor, Jesse	Durres, Elizabeth	Hardman, Benj.
7.	Turner, Jackson	Burres, Mary	Jeffreys, Wm.	Holbert, John
œ	Riddall, James	Stallman, Philip	Nutt, Jacob	Hardman, James
6	Turner, James	Jackson, Benj.	Starcher, Adam	Wolf, Samuel
10.	Johnson, Levi	Goff, Benj.	Stump, Lemuel	Collins, George
11.		Goff, George	Stump, Absalom	Mitchel, Daniel
12.	Stalnaker, Wm.	Goff, William	Bennett, John	Lingle, Henry
13.	Riddall, Richd. W.	Stallman, Peter	Boggs, Hezekiah	Holbert, Aaron
14.	Bennett, Wm.	Ferrel, Franklin	Norman, Seamer	Cunningham, Isaac H.
15.	Hardman, Washington	Vannoy, Cornelius	Boon, Jacob	Hurd, Sary
16.	Fling, John	Johnson, Elizabeth	Stump, Jacob	Cunningham, Enoch
17.	Vincent, Uriah	Beall, Henry	Greenleaves, John	Wase, John
18.	Vannoy, Frances	McCune, Peter	Ayres, Daniel	Haines, Jesse
19.		Booker, Julyann	Cunningham, John R.	Cain, David
20.	Vannoy, Anderson	Dusky, Daniel	Cooper, James H.	Cain, Jesse
21.	Kerors, Wm.	Sharp, Andrew	Holbert, John W.	Wilson, Joseph
22.	Sands, John	Clenand, Francis	Hurd, Wm.	Smith, Elijah
23.	Norman, John	Reger, Harrison G.	Smith, Barns	Showers, John
24.	Westfall, William	Collings, Joseph	Davies, Absalom	Mitchel, John
25.	Westfall, John	Williams, Joel	Staver, John	Davis, Joshua S.
26.		Webb, Mary	Austalon, Andrew	Bee, Asa
27.		Bookes, Joseph	Campbell, William	Lowther, Jesse M.
28.		Davies, Abram	Ayres, Daniel, Jr.	Lowther, Elias
29.		Maze, Maria L.	Ayres, Jeremiah	Marthedeth, Job
30.	Huffman, Alex	Bennett, Robt.	Glover, Alexander	Prichard, John

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2. Jones Samuel	Rohrbough, Abram	Gibbons, Daniel
3. Heffner, Lewis	Shoulders, Jacob	McWhorter, John
4. Heffner, Benj.	Huggman, Weeden	Clossen, Samuel
5. Green, William B.	Bailey, Minter	Lazell, Marshall .
6. Bennett, Joseph	Stringer, William G.	Hockins, John
7. Piken, James	Fisher, Elias	Jarvis, Amos
8. McCray, James	Withers, Alexander S.	Talbott, John
9. Summer, William S.	Kester, Coonrad	Butcher, Jasper
10. Knicely, John	McBride, Isaac	Tanner, John
11. Wilson, Andrew	Grim, Charles E.	Flesher, John
12. Clark, Robert	Beard, Adam	Flesher, Elijah
13. Pearce, Lalis	Flesher, Henry	Flesher, Adam
14. Anderson, John	Minter, Joseph	Butcher, John
15. Sims, John	Turney, Daniel	Cormack, Evan
16. Johns, Zachariah	Prichard, Benjamin	Peterson, David S.
17. Clothier, Samuel	Camden, Richard P.	Radcliff, Isaac
18. Crawford, Robert	Smith, William	Buckhammon, Leonard
-	Butcher, Jacob	Holt, Jonathan
20. Arnold, Elijah	Holt, Charlotte	Jackson, Cummins E.
21. Smith, Nimrod	Smith, Isaac A.	Garting, Hugh
22. Johns, William	Bland, Thomas	Butcher, Matilda
	Camp, James M.	Jackson, George A.
24. Pullins, Nancy	Bland, Granville	Maxwell, Lewis
	Edmiston, Mathew	END
26. Smith, John	Simpson, Allen	
27. McCrayson, Robt.	McKinley, William	
28. Keath, William	Holt, Mathew	
	Sharp, Jeremiah B.	
30. McChisick, Susanna	Dawson, Preston	

QUERIES

TOWNSEND HACKER ALLEN

Seeking info on parents of Solomon Townsend who m. Elizabeth Hacker on 19 Oct 1815, Harrison Co, (W) V. Are Solomon Townsend and Elizabeth Allen his parents?

WILLIAMS OCHELTREE HART

Also would like info on Marshall Williams and Patience Ocheltree who m. in Braxton Co, 4 Nov 1846, and Hugh and Jane Williams and John and Mary Williams who were living in Braxton Co. in 1850. Daniel and Jane (Hart) Foster moved from Monongalia Co. to Wirt Co ca 1838. Does anyone have info on them? Toni Townsend, 79 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

HUGHES LOFTISS DAVIS

Seek any info on family of my g. grandfather, John Lucas Hughes, b 3 Jun 1822 VA, d 11 Apr 1908, Eldon, One of a large family, left home at 12 or 13 years of age (1834-1835) due to the dislike of a stepparent. Declared on 1900 Iowa Census that his parents were both born in VA. Told family that Hughes River in VA was named for some one of his ancestral relatives. Married Martha Ann Loftiss 9 Mar 1843, St Clair Twp, Butler Co, OH. First child born William Thomas Hughes, Butler Co, OH, 14 Nov 1844. Moved to Eldon, IA, along with in-laws Gideon and Martha Davis Holden Loftiss in 1846-47. Glenn D. Hughes, 307 9th St., Box 189, Eldon, IA 52554. PH 515-652-7736

DEAN WALKER SHOLTZ

Query number 4 in April 1987 issue submitted by Dr. Dale E. Dean, 920 So Second St., Stocton, KS 67669.

LEWIS FURGUSON LYNCH FLESHER

Would like to correspond with any desc of Asher and Jane Lewis. Inventory of Asher's estate 17 Jun 1814, Clarksburg, Harrison Co, (W) V. Had issue; Sarah m. Samuel Ferguson (Furguson), Charles m. 1) Rebecca Lynch 2) Ann Paxon, Ann (Nancy) Lewis m. Elijah Flesher 9 Jan 1821. Eleanor J. Covey, 779 Knoll Dr., San Carlos, CA 94070.

NORMAN

Seek information on Philip Norman, Civil War veteran, b. in Lewis Co. Lived in Calhoun Co and d. in Webster Co, WV. He was my g.g. grandfather.

DAVIS McELWAIN TINNEY

Also Nathaniel Calendar Davis, b before 1800, m. Barbara McElwain. Had dau. Catherine b. ca 1815 who m. Thurman Tinney. N.C. Davis lived in Braxton Co. Alfred Clay, Rt. 2, Box F10, Webster Springs, WV 26288.

GREEN

Need info on John/Ester Green, b 1820's. He was doctor in Vandalia, Lewis Co, area. Said to have been from Highland Co, VA.

OSBORNE **MEANS**

Info on Joseph Osborne and Mariah Means. 1804-1814 in Harrison Co.

WEST

Does anyone have the names of Alexander West's children? Clifford E. Byrd, 899 Fleming Ave, Fairmont, WV 26554. PH 304-363-8925

HUFF HARDMAN 7. Seek parents of Henry Huff and Catherine Hardman who were married in Harrison Co 1816. Martha Jane (Huff) Martin, Rt 1 Box 438, Farmington, WV 26571.

HARDMAN

8. I would like parents of Salathiel B. Hardman, b 6 Apr 1834, d 17 May 1908, and Rebecca A. Hardman, b 4 Mar 1836, d. 15 Jan 1917. Salathiel and Rebecca were parents of Edgar B., Cora A., Samuel, and Lilly M. Both bur. at Vandalia, Lewis Co. Lived most of their lives in Ritchie and Lewis Co. Jim Strong, 321 Highland Ave., SW, Masillon, OH 44646

EMMERSON SHICKLE 9. Need info on desc of Matthew Emmerson, b ca 1775, d 2 Aug 1859 Middle River, Augusta Co, VA. Wife's name Mary. Matthew's parents b. in England. Only known child John Emmerson/Emerson, b 10 Oct 1824 VA, d 21 Oct 1894, Gilmer Co, WV, m. Susan Shickle in VA. Susan b 4 Feb 1822, d 4 Oct 1902, Gilmer Co, WV.

KING
WILLIAMS
HECKERT
BROWN
KING
MESSENGER
SANDY
MOODY

Need info on desc and parents of John King, b 25 Feb 1831 Harrison Co, (W) V, d 8 Mar 1914 Cox's Mills, WV, m. 5 Jan 1856 Weston, Lewis Co, Nancy Williams, b. 27 Apr 1834, d. 11 Aug 1908, Cox's Mills, WV, and bur. Connely Chapel Cemetery below Alice, WV, in a unmarked grave beside John. Ch: Lloyd (1857-1909) m. 1) ? 2) Bell ____; Marion (1860 - ?_ m 1) Rachel 2) Martha ; Lonnie (1861-1950) m. Phoebe Heckert; Bill (1863-1957) m. Laura Brown; Vickie King (1869 -1944) m. 1) Issaac Messenger 2) Peter Messenger 3) George Sandy; Anna Bell King (1871-1930) m. 1) 1894 David Franklin Emerson 2) William Sherman Moody; Howard (1873-1939) m. Gertie Iva Heckert; Emma King (1875-1895) never married. Also seek info on Nancy's family. Some of her family were: Isaac Williams, Phoebe Williams, Betty/Betsy Williams; and Abraham Williams. Parents unknown. Eileen Kissick, Box 188, New Castle, IN 47362.

DRUMMOND 10. NUTTER FESLER/FESSLER

Neuton or Newton J. Drummond, circa 27 May 1887-1888 - 19 Oct 1977. Father killed in mine explosion, believed to be around Shinston. Mother placed him and one older brother and one younger sister in orphange He was about five years old. At seven years, he was placed with farmer, Joe Nutter, at Nutters Fort (Stonewall). Married Bonnie Lorraine Fessler (Fesler) around 1912-1913. Any info on this family would be appreciated. Sue Keene, 4701 Warner Dr. Manchester, MD 21102

WINANS ALEXANDER COX SIMMONS 11. Like to locate descendants of and info on following children of Vincent and Mary (Winans) Alexander: William and Mary (Cox) Alexander m. 1844 in Lewis Co. Had ch: Elizabeth A., b ca 1846; James C., b ca 1847; Mary V., b ca 1849; and perhaps George W., b 1856 and Nancy A., b 1854, both in Lewis Co. Jesse and Sarah (Simmons) Alexander m 1849 Harrison Co. Vincent and Eliza (Alexander) Hurst m. 1855, had ch.: one b. ca 1858; Whitson, b ca 1860; Mary E., b ca 1862; William E., b ca 1864; Emily H.,

HURST STARCHER BLAKE SNYDER CONLEY b ca 1867; and John R. b ca 1869. Whitson Hurst m. Amanda Starcher and had ch. Della and Clyde Hurst. Joahn Hurst m. Florence Blake and had ch. Roscoe and Ewell Hurst. George and Amy (Alexander) Snyder m. ca 1862 and had ch. Gabriella, b ca 1864; Emory, b ca 1866; and Jehu, b ca 1869. Gabriella Snyder m. Melville Conley 1888 in Lewis Co and had ch. born in Doddridge Co - Malcolm Vincent Conley, b 1893, Ray Vaughn Conley, b 1896. Emory Snyder believed to have died in Ritchie Co. 1918. Jehu Snyder m. Susan Winans in 1880. Connie Dobert, 1220 Ave. F, Ft. Madison, IA 52627

DAVIS HUGHES SLEETH

from

12. (from Licking Co. Ohio newsletter, 1987) Would like contact with anyone who has information on: Samuel DAVIS who married April 1809 Sarah E. HUGHES daughter of Elias HUGHES and Jane SLEETH.

Mrs. James Toombs, 1659 Royal Oak S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509.

Hacker's Creek.

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Make yourself one or a dozen family-tree nametages - back to your earliest ancestor/s

Lolita (THAYER) GUTHRIE

P. S. Don't forget to send in your reservation today.

Here's one example and one

Frank THAYER

Hattie (SLEETH) THAYER

Andrew Reed SLEETH

David SLEETH

Alexander Nancy (SMITH)

John Alexander SLEETH

The Search Goes On - and on for one of the 18 copies of

"A HISTORY OF THE FIRST SETTLING
OF THE NORTHWESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN
PARTS OF VIRGINIA, together with the
Indian Wars in those parts, the names
of a number of families & individuals
that were killed by the Indians...."

by William Powers & William Hacker.

Our editor, Joy, wrote about this early publication in Volume II, pp. 104-112.

On page 189, this issue, listed on the Sale bill for George Bush, you will find as sold in 1834:

"John Clark, 1 Book Border Warfare."

Does one copy, or more, exist today? Or the manuscript which was later purchased by Alexander Scott Withers?

Two librarians at the Allen County/Fort Wayne, Indiana, Library suggested we begin to search the National Union Catalog of Library Cards Manuscript Volumes (Nuk-1k) (and there are volumes of them).

I've already checked the computer link-up of OCLC; but our Director of the NW Ohio Archives tells me there are a few more sophisicated link-ups to pursue. Have any of you been on this pursuit? Can you eliminate any "dead-ends?" - add an idea? - and be ever on the lookout on musty bookshelves!

Lolita Guthrie

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P. S. A membership renewal form is enclosed.

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